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Field Crops Report

For the week ending May 2, **Cotton** was 65 percent planted, ahead of the previous year's 63 percent but below the five-year average of 68 percent.

Alfalfa harvest was active on just over half on the state's acreage. Forty-three percent of the acreage had no harvest activity. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 1 percent poor, 1 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 24 percent excellent.

The **Durum Wheat** crop was headed on 87 percent of the acreage, ahead of last year's 81 percent headed but behind the five-year average of 92 percent. **Winter Wheat** was similar at 80 percent headed, compared to 78 percent a year ago, and the five-year average of 88 percent. Arizona's **Barley** crop was 85 percent headed, compared to 66 percent last year, and 86 percent for the five-year average. Some of these small grains fields are nearly ready for harvest.

Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 25 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 22 percent good, and 13 percent excellent.

Herbs, Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in Central Arizona shipped carrots and head lettuce. Western Arizona producers shipped green onions and watermelons last week.

Citrus producers harvested grapefruit, lemons, navels, tangerines, Valencias in Central and Western Arizona last week.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for most of the State were above normal for the week ending May 1. Temperatures ranged from 8 degrees above normal at Parker and Yuma, to near normal in Willcox and Winslow. The highest temperature of the week was 106 degrees at Parker, while the lowest reading was 24 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 4 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.02 inches at Tucson, to 0.09 inches at Canyon De Chelly.

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Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
FOR THE WEEK APRIL 25 TO MAY 1, 2004**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	55	1	82	31	0.09	3.32	2.79
Casa Grande	72	4	100	51	0.00	3.29	2.87
Coolidge	71	5	100	49	0.00	3.71	3.41
Douglas	64	1	85	41	0.00	3.02	2.05
Flagstaff	46	1	71	26	0.07	4.41	8.68
Gila Bend	74	5	102	54	0.00	2.85	2.41
Grand Canyon	48	1	74	24	0.00	5.25	6.30
Kingman	61	5	89	41	0.00	2.47	4.12
Parker	74	8	106	65	0.00	1.51	2.39
Payson	56	5	80	35	0.00	5.05	8.52
Phoenix	75	5	98	60	0.00	4.02	2.92
Prescott Airport	54	5	81	36	0.00	3.70	4.17
Safford Ag Center	65	2	88	42	0.03	3.85	2.35
Tucson	70	3	92	49	0.02	3.56	2.96
Willcox	62	0	84	43	0.00	4.96	3.00
Winslow	57	0	82	32	0.00	1.33	1.87
Yuma	75	8	104	65	0.00	1.16	1.03

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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